(b) if so, whether Government propose to levy import duty on aluminium ingots thus creating acute shortage of this metal; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove the hardships of the consumers as there is no chance for the indigenous producers to meet the growing demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The production of aluminium in the country dvtring 1989-90 has been estimated at 4,35,000 tonnes against an estimated demand of 4,00,000 tonnes leaving a surplus availability of about 35,000 tonnes. During the period April-July 1989, production of 1,37,000 tonnes has been achieved which is 32,000 tonnes more than the production during the corresponding period of previous year.

2. Representations have been received both for and against imposition of import duty on aluminium ingots and suitable action will be taken after consideration of all the representations at the appropriate time.

3. Thus, although there is adequate availability of aluminium from indigenous production, import of aluminium including aluminium reds is also under Open General Licence (OGL) since July, 1988 to enable consumers to supplement their requirements of aluminium metal through direct imports.

Depletion of shrimp resources

3128. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the depletion of shrimp resources on the eastern coast;

(b) whether multi-purpose trawlers have been banned from shrimp ishing; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Shrimp production in the last three years on the Eastern Coast is indicated below:

Year	Shrimp Production (in tonnes)
1986-87	50089
1987-88	57544
1988-89 (Provisional)	59349

The above catch statistics do not indicate any depletion of shrimp resources on the eastern coast.

(b) Acquisition of multi-puipcse trawlers by Indian entrepreneurs is not allowed as per the Public Notice issued by the Government of India (Ministry of Agriculture) dated 29th July, 1987.

(c) Does not arise.

Telecast of TV serial "Boond Boond"

3129. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telecast of the second episode of the TV serial "Boond Bcond" was stepped on the night of July 26th, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?